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NOTE

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SEE 865d.01/107 FOR #1710

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED May 29, 1936
TO NAME 1-1127

REGARDING:

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SEE 865d.01/119 FOR #1733

FROM Italy (Kirk) DATED June 10, 1936

TO NAME 1-1127 ...

REGARDING: Decree issued withholding Italian citizenship from half-breeds as a possible means to maintain purity of race and the moral and physical level of the new Empire.

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SEE 865d.01/247 FOR Despatch #155

FROM Italy (..... Phillips) DATED Jan.13,1937
TO NAME 1-1127 o p o

REGARDING: Italian racial purity. Action taken by the Council of Ministers
to prevent a mixture of races in Italian East Africa.

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